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FOOD FIGHT

Outbreaks from imports on the rise

Reuters

WASHINGTON Food-borne disease outbreaks caused by imports seemed to rise in 2009 and 2010, with fish and spices the most common sources, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Wednesday.

Almost half of the outbreaks, or localized epidemics, pointed to foods imported from areas that had not been linked to outbreaks before, the CDC said in a statement.

"As our food supply becomes more global, people are eating foods from all over the world, potentially exposing them to germs from all corners of the world, too," said CDC epidemiologist Hannah Gould, lead author of a report on the upturn.

From 2005-10, 39 outbreaks and 2,348 illnesses were linked to imported food from 15 countries. Of those outbreaks, 17 occurred in 2009 and 2010. Overall, fish was the most common source of imported food-borne disease outbreaks at 17, followed by spices with six outbreaks, including five from fresh or dried peppers.

Nearly 45 percent of the imported foods causing outbreaks came from Asia, the CDC said.

Gould's report was presented Wednesday at the International Conference on Emerging Infectious Diseases in Atlanta. According to the Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service, food imports grew to $86 billion in 2010 from $41 billion in 1999.

Much of that growth has occurred in fruit and vegetables, seafood and processed food products.

BY THE NUMBERS

Here's a second look at the Centers for Disease Control report, which found that food-borne disease outbreaks are on the rise.

39

Number of outbreaks linked to imported food from 2005-10

2,348

Number of illnesses linked to those foods

17

Number of outbreaks that occurred in 2009 and 2010

15

Number of countries surveyed in the CDC report that were linked to outbreaks and illnesses

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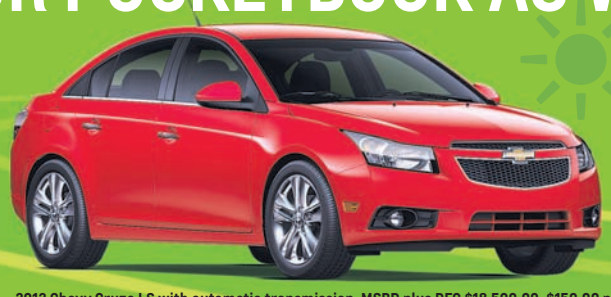

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Finding love is a sensitive subject

Anthony Roberts
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Ralph Tresvant had a hit in 1990 with his song "Sensitivity." Can you name any songs he made after that? Do you even know who Ralph Tresvant is? No? Exactly.

That's because sensitivity's for suckas.

Movies such as the ever-popular "The Notebook" and, more recently, "The Vow," are some of the most vicious perpetrators of the myth that all women want is a nice guy.

Some women think—or at least they say—they want a nice, caring, gentle guy. You know, the dude who will wear a mock neck sweater in the family Christmas card photo, hold her purse when she tries on clothes and get all emo at the end of movies such as, well, "The Notebook" and "The Vow."

That's cute and all, but c'mon. Deep down, most women do not want passive boyfriends. They want strong men, which is why I've become a proponent of what I've coined The Backbone Movement. That's right, we're making it OK to be a guy's guy again. But don't get it twisted—being a man does not equate to being a jerk.

For the fellas who've been bitten by the Drake bug, pay special attention. Here's my guide to keeping—or reclaiming—your man card.

Emotions aren't made for sleeves

My estrogen level is pretty low, so I can't accurately tell you what's going through a woman's mind when she looks at a dude she wants to date. But it for damn sure isn't: "He looks like he's in touch with his feminine side." You can be super in touch with your feelings if you'd like, but that'll probably be the only thing that you'll be touching or feeling.

Don't go on day dates

Yo, this will get you nowhere. If you're getting day-dated, you're the guy who's filling time before she goes out at night with the guy who is where you wanna be. Lunch date? Tell her you're allergic to lunch. You only eat dinner.

Shopping outings? Forget it

Don't let yourself become the male sister she never had. Unless this is a long-term girlfriend or the two of you are browsing for lingerie, stay outta the mall, homie.

Don't be a 'yes' man

Agreeing with everything she says just makes you look like a bobblehead. Remember, it's called The Backbone Movement for a reason.

Stop ex-plaining

If all of your stories about your last relationship involve her cheating on you, losing all your money and just how badly you were treated, that says a lot about you. Say less.

And a tip for the ladies

If you're going through one of those "I wanna try something different" phases, let him know you're pulling a Joakim Noah, and that his ass is a rebound. If we're going to conduct ourselves like men, you also should woman up and tell us the truth.

Good communication, honesty and respect will still take you far in this world when it comes to dealing with the opposite sex. But remember, fellas, there's a thin line between hugs and dates. But don't take it from me—just ask that guy back there finishing last.

ANTHONY ROBERTS IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.

TWEET INDEX

HOT RIGHT NOW

Warm it up now

Sports, sports, sports and ... math? Here's what was trending Wednesday.

Nerd alert
Happy Pi Day (3.14)

Bears controversy
Brandon Marshall under microscope

Phil Jackson
Rumor mill is turning

Bulls vs. Heat
Ugh ... Miami

CLOSING REMARKS

Former Gov. Rod Blagojevich is scheduled to report Thursday to prison in Colorado. RedEye asked our Twitter followers to tweet their last words to the Chicago politician before he heads off on federal corruption charges.

@mrkilpatrick211: take your time and use it well write a book and study law...

@southsideswagger: "Rod as soon as you get in, beat somebody up to earn some prison respect" LOL!

@PRMagicMaker: Hair's to the next step! #LastWordstoBlago

@nicnarrates: Just remember, you're "&%,Ç¨&•*$ golden."

SNAPS!

Spring has sprung in Chicago! Many have shared their photos of spring scenes, and we encourage you to keep emailing yours to **jcantarelli@tribune.com** or tweeting them to **@redeyechicago**. Take a look at spring photos from across the city at **redeyechicago.com**.

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Former Gov. Rod Blagojevich waves to supporters Wednesday after speaking to the media outside his Ravenswood Manor home.
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BLAGO BIDS ADIEU

OUSTED GOV PLEDGES TO APPEAL ON EVE OF REPORTING TO FEDERAL PRISON

Chicago Tribune

Billed as his last public statement before heading off to prison, Rod Blagojevich said Wednesday he was honored to serve as governor of Illinois and thanked the people of the state as he began his "dark and hard journey."

Interrupted several times by chants of "Free our governor," Blagojevich insisted before a crush of reporters and supporters that everything he did "was on the right side of the law."

Blagojevich was led into the crowd in front of his Ravenswood Manor home by his wife, Patti.

The 55-year-old Democrat is due to report to a prison in Colorado on Thursday to begin serving a 14-year sentence.

Since his sentencing in December, the impeached governor hasn't spoken in interviews or addressed the media corps following every step of his legal saga. His attorneys said he wanted to depart in a dignified way, without a media frenzy.

Blagojevich was convicted of 18 criminal counts over two trials, including charges that accused him of attempting to sell or trade an appointment to President Obama's vacated U.S. Senate seat.

Toward the end of his speech Wednesday, he said he "has had many blessings in my life and it's not over."

Blagojevich said going to prison on corruption charges will be "hardest thing I've ever had to do." But, he added, "We are appealing the case. This is not over. We have faith in the future, faith in the rule of law. ... I'll see you again."

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BLAGOJEVICH'S CELL
The Englewood facility has both two- and four-man cells. Typically an inmate has at least one bunkmate. The kind of cell the former governor will be assigned will be determined when he checks in at the prison.

Typical two-man cell: 60 square feet

Typical four-man cell: 120 square feet

Bedding: Two sheets, one pillowcase and a blanket

Laundry: Inmates are issued laundry bags and turn in dirty laundry Monday and Wednesday.

Hygiene: Razors, shaving cream, toothpaste, toothbrush, hand soap, shampoo and a comb are provided. Individual preferences for haircuts and facial hair are permitted as long as they are clean and won't cause disruption.

VISITORS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mail: All incoming mail is opened and inspected. Outgoing mail may be inspected by prison staff.

Phone and email: Inmates are allowed five hours a month for calls, and all calls are monitored and recorded. Calls are made via a prison computer system that allows inmates to manage contact lists and send and receive email.

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Cutler and Marshall were teammates in Denver in 2007 and 2008.
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Jay Cutler: Don't rush to judgment

Chicago Tribune

Jay Cutler said Wednesday he is excited about being reunited with former Denver Broncos teammate Brandon Marshall and is confident the receiver will be cleared of accusations stemming from a weekend incident in a New York nightclub.

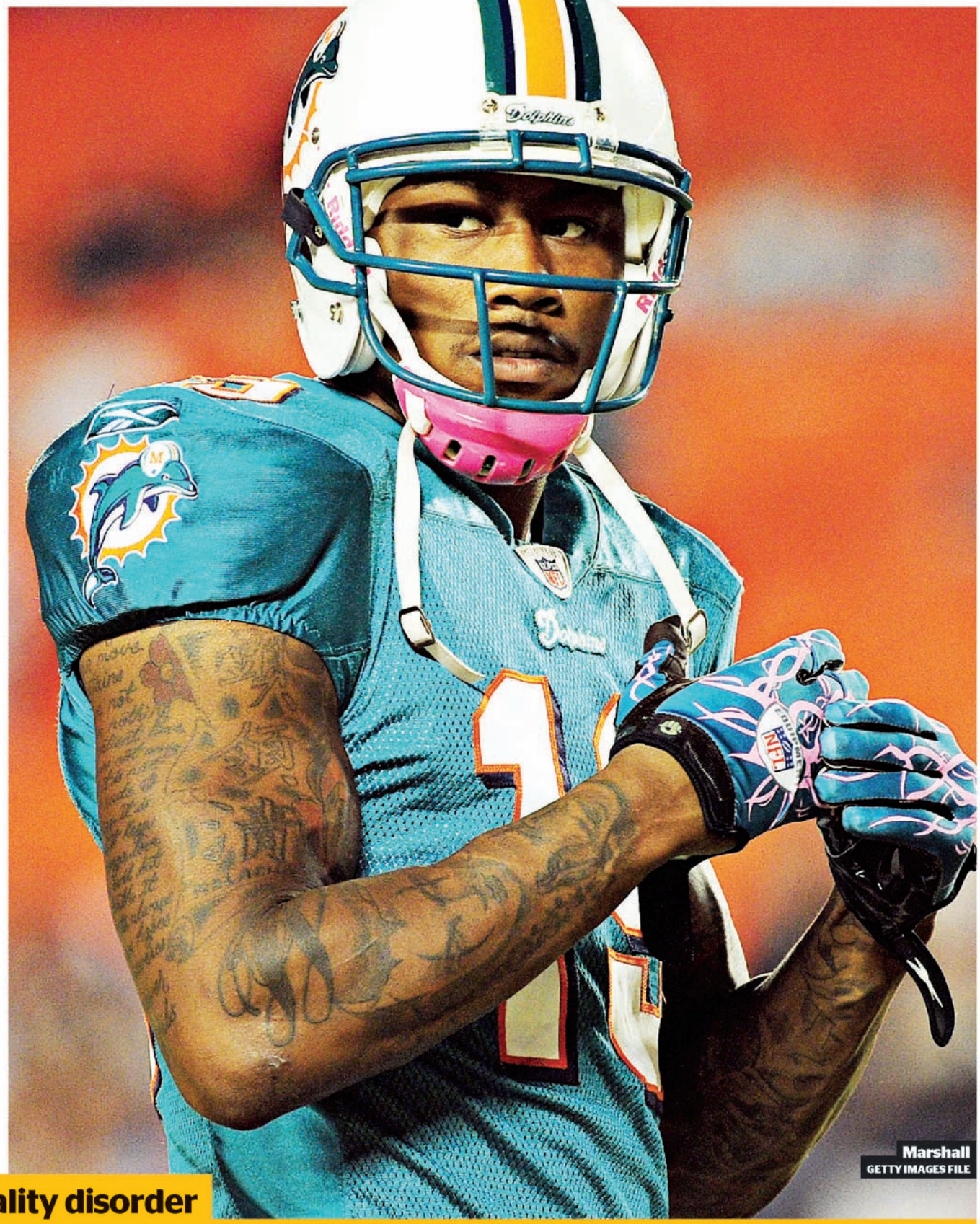
"If there's one thing we know about [Bears general manager] Phil Emery, he's a detail guy," Cutler told "The Waddle & Silvy Show" on WMVP-AM 1000. "I find it very hard to believe he'd pull the trigger on this knowing that something had happened and that Brandon was at fault."

Marshall, acquired by the Bears from the Miami Dolphins on Tuesday for two third-round draft picks, has been accused of striking a woman in a New York nightclub over the weekend.

Cutler played with Marshall on the Broncos in 2007 and 2008 and said their friendship is strong.

Asked if he knew any details about the incident after speaking Tuesday with Marshall, Cutler said, "I've got a good idea. Obviously, I wasn't there. ... It's all going to play out. I'm super-excited to get him.

"It's unfortunate that this came out when it did. We don't want to paint a bad picture of Brandon Marshall. Does he have a record of some stuff in the past? Absolutely. But I know him as a person, not only as a player, and he truly is a good guy."


Marshall
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Inside borderline personality disorder

Newly acquired Bears receiver Brandon Marshall revealed to the South Florida Sun Sentinel last summer that he has been diagnosed with borderline personality disorder. Here's a closer look at the affliction. TRIBUNE

What is it?
Experts say people with BPD have pervasive patterns of unstable emotions. These "inner experiences," according to an article in PubMedHealth, "often cause them to take impulsive actions and have chaotic relationships." The disorder was officially recognized by the psychiatric community in 1980.

What are the causes?
Exact causes are not fully understood, but social factors, family turbulence and genetics often play roles.

What are the symptoms?
According **mayoclinic.com**, people with BPD exhibit "impulsive and risky behavior, such as risky driving, unsafe sex, gambling sprees or illegal drug use; inappropriate anger; intense but short episodes of anxiety or depression."

How is it treated?
Treatments include talk therapy, group therapy and regular visits with experienced clinicians. Medications can help level mood swings and treat depression.

SOURCES: U.S. NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE, PUBMEDHEALTH, MAYOCLINIC.COM, NATIONAL EDUCATION ALLIANCE BORDERLINE PERSONALITY DISORDER

CATCHING HEAT

BEARS SAY THEY KNEW OF MARSHALL'S LATEST INCIDENT BEFORE ACQUIRING HIM

Chicago Tribune

Just two days before the Bears made official a trade to acquire him, Brandon Marshall found himself in a familiar situation—the wrong place at the wrong time.

Perhaps that is how the talented yet often troubled wide receiver can explain best what happened outside a New York club in the early morning hours Sunday when he says a thrown bottle struck his wife in the face, seriously injuring her. In a contrary version of the incident, 24-year-old Christin Myles told police Marshall cold-cocked her, leaving her with a black eye.

Marshall is scheduled to speak with the media Friday at Halas Hall, as is new backup quarterback Jason Campbell.

Marshall's list of off-field incidents, including multiple allegations of violence against women, is long. In this instance, the Bears say they knew about the disturbance Tuesday before trading two third-round draft picks to the Dolphins, who were dumping the MVP of the 2012 Pro Bowl so new coach Joe Philbin wouldn't have to deal with him.

"Both the Bears and Dolphins were aware of what occurred over the weekend," Bears general manager Phil Emery said in a statement. "We decided to move forward with the trade. We have high expectations for Brandon as a Bear."

Marshall has been suspended once previously for violation of the NFL's personal conduct policy, and a second violation could lead to a more serious punishment.

Marshall's attorney, Harvey Steinberg, called Marshall and his wife the victims in the episode, and said his client looks forward to assisting authorities in their investigation.

"Brandon has always held himself accountable," his agent, Kennard McGuire, told the Tribune. "He will always have my unflinching and unwavering support. I caution the public not to judge, especially when he and his wife are the victims."

Marshall's history includes a DUI arrest, charges of assaulting a police officer and attempting to return stolen merchandise to a store. But the majority of the incidents involve disputes with women as police reports have been filed in Florida, Georgia, Colorado and now New York. His wife stabbed him in the abdomen at their home in April, claiming she acted in self-defense. He also was involved in a fracas at a Denver nightclub that led to the shooting death of Broncos teammate Darrent Williams.

As a standard procedure, the NFL will look into the latest matter.

Marshall revealed to the South Florida Sun Sentinel last summer he had been diagnosed with borderline personality disorder, a mental illness that leads those who suffer from it to struggle with relationships, mood control and emotions. In between his stabbing and this New York altercation, his record was clean.

There are three years remaining on Marshall's contract at a total of $28.1 million. His base salary this season is $9.3 million, of which $6 million is guaranteed. According to Fox Sports, that guarantee voids in the event the NFL suspends him, leaving a lot riding on this latest accusation.

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DON'T FORGET

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Occupy Chicago supporters rally during the Occupy Chicago No G8 Victory Party on March 5 at Daley Plaza. On Wednesday, organizers of a music festival using the "Occupy" name decided to scrap VIP tickets to the event, which will run May 12-13 in Union Park. HEATHER CHARLES/TRIBUNE

No VIPs for 'Occupy' fest

By Georgia Garvey
REDEYE

Organizers of a Chicago music festival using the "Occupy" name say they have scrapped plans to offer VIP tickets to the event, planned for May 12-13 in Union Park.

Festival organizers also said they're going back to Occupy Chicago to get more input.

Graham Czach, a Chicago-based musician and an Occupy member, said the festival is an opportunity for musicians, performers and volunteers to raise money for and awareness of Occupy causes, which include the fight for economic equality. After a statement drew media attention to the festival, Czach said public feedback caused him to rethink a plan for VIP access, which would have allowed premium ticket-holders special amenities such as private entrances and exits.

"There is no VIP or premium access" now, Czach said. "That was an oversight that was pretty big."

Czach said he and other organizers formed SolidClarity LLC to deal with the mechanics of organizing the event, scheduled for the weekend before the NATO summit in Chicago, and any follow-up nonprofit activities. Half the profits from the festival would be donated to Occupy Chicago, he said, with the other half being used as potential profit-sharing for volunteers or others who work on the festival. Czach said he also is considering applying any additional money to future nonprofit or activist events.

"We're not a corporation, we're part of the movement," he said. "There's no profiteering. We're sharing everything."

Ticket prices on **occupyfestival.com** are $35 for a one-day pass and $55 for a two-day pass. The Chicago Park District said a permit for the festival has been submitted but not approved and that insurance and fees must be secured before approval is finalized.

Occupy Chicago OK'd supporting the festival earlier this year, according to minutes on the Occupy website, Czach and another Occupy Chicago member, but after recent media attention, the group's organizing body on Wednesday night planned to offer further opportunities to discuss the matter. GGARVEY@TRIBUNE.COM | @GCGARVEY

Concert fee for Taste of Chicago?

Mayor Emanuel introduced an ordinance Wednesday that would charge a $25 ticket fee to anyone who wants to sit in a seat in the Petrillo Music Shell in Grant Park to watch a band perform at Taste of Chicago. Sitting on the lawn still is free.

CTA falls off advertising wagon

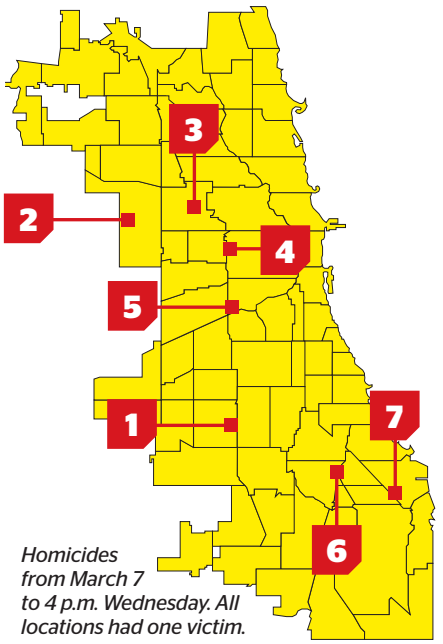
The CTA on Wednesday ended its 15-year-old ban on accepting advertising for alcoholic beverages in a move projected to generate an extra $3.2 million to the transit agency on its existing ad contract.

Federal agents raid Lincoln Park home

Local and federal authorities raided a Lincoln Park home of a man suspected of running an elaborate fencing operation and found dozens of high-end, stolen merchandise, officials said Wednesday.

Lolla to stay through '21

A new agreement with the Chicago Park District announced Wednesday will extend Lollapalooza's stay in Grant Park through at least 2021, while requiring the promoters to pay new taxes. The deal could mean festivalgoers will pay more for tickets. TRIBUNE



Homicides from March 7 to 4 p.m. Wednesday. All locations had one victim.

HOMICIDE TRACKER

By Tracy Swartz
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Austin on Friday saw its second homicide of the month and sixth of the year, a RedEye analysis of preliminary police data found.

A 24-year-old man was shot to death in the 400 block of North Lockwood Avenue, police said. Austin, the city's largest community area, saw 30 homicides last year, RedEye data shows.

Gunshot homicides were recorded in the past week in Chicago Lawn, Greater Grand Crossing, Humboldt Park, the Lower West Side and South Chicago, police data shows.

Meanwhile, a 21-year-old man was stabbed to death Sunday in the 200 block of South Western Avenue on the Near West Side, police said.

Fifteen homicides have been recorded so far this month. Police logged 22 homicides in March 2011, RedEye found.

1 **2600 BLOCK OF W. LITHUANIAN PLAZA COURT**
Date: March 8 **Cause:** Gunshot

2 **400 BLOCK OF N. LOCKWOOD AVE.**
Date: March 9 **Cause:** Gunshot

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1 Robot love
A visitor tries operating a robot Wednesday during the three-day Innorobo 2012 fair in Lyon, France, where companies and research centers present their latest technologies. REUTERS PHOTOS

2 Honoring his legacy
Ultra-Orthodox Jews carry the body of Rabbi Moshe Yehoshua Hager during his funeral Wednesday in Bnei Brak, Israel. Hager was the head of the Vizhnitz Hasidic dynasty.

3 Go! Go! Go!
Britain's Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall (center), and Zara Phillips (right) watch the Queen Mother Champion Steeple Chase on Wednesday in Cheltenham, England.

Defense secretary rallies U.S troops

4 **CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan** U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta told troops in Afghanistan on Wednesday that the massacre of 16 Afghan civilians by an American soldier should not deter them from their mission to secure the country ahead of a 2014 NATO withdrawal deadline.

U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta (right) walks with troops Wednesday in Afghanistan. REUTERS

In Washington, President Obama said after meeting with British Prime Minister David Cameron he did not anticipate any "sudden" change in U.S. plans for the pace of withdrawing troops from Afghanistan.

Panetta arrived in Afghanistan amid heightened tensions over the killings.

"We'll be challenged by our enemy. We'll be challenged by ourselves. We'll be challenged by the hell of war itself. But none of that, none of that, must ever deter us from the mission that we must achieve," Panetta told soldiers at Camp Leatherneck, the main U.S. Marine base in the volatile area.

"As tragic as these acts of violence have been, they do not define the relationship between the coalition and Afghan forces and the Afghan people," he said.

Panetta's trip had been scheduled before Sunday's shootings in two Kandahar villages, but it gained added urgency as political pressure mounted on Afghan and U.S. officials over the unpopular war, now in its 11th year.

5 Can you spell 'overachiever'?

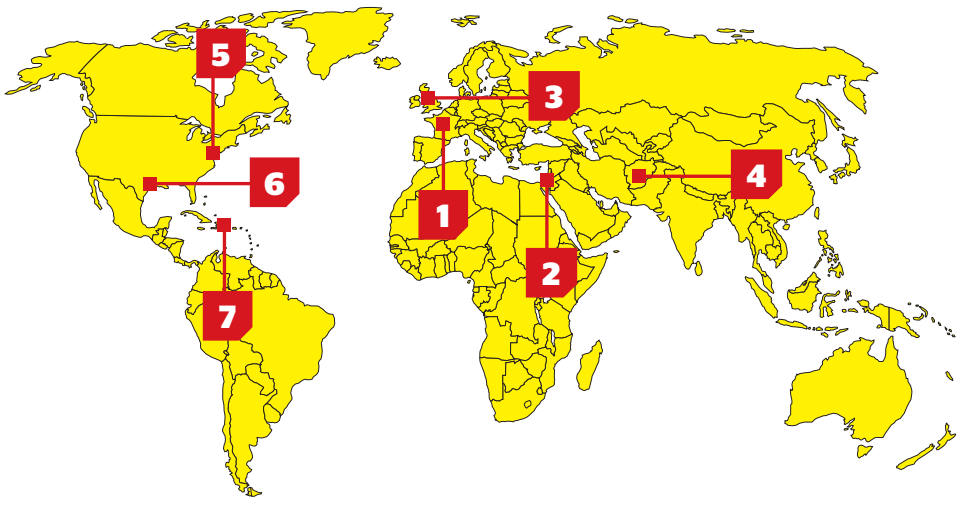
A 6-year-old U.S. girl will become the youngest contestant to date in the Scripps National Spelling Bee after winning a regional competition in Virginia.

6 1 dead in court shooting

A gunman shot dead one person outside a Texas courthouse Wednesday and wounded three others, including one person he shot and ran over with a car, police said.

7 Santorum to Puerto Ricans: Speak English

Republican presidential hopeful Rick Santorum told Puerto Ricans on Wednesday they would have to make English their primary language if they want to pursue statehood.



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Yes, he ditarod!

ANCHORAGE, Alaska Dallas Seavey, competing against both his father and grandfather, won the 40th annual Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race on Tuesday, becoming the youngest musher crowned champion of the storied Alaska event.

A rare third-generation contestant, the 25-year-old Seavey also was the first such member of an Iditarod dynasty to win a race that has grown from an obscure contest many considered a one-time lark into a world-famous sports extravaganza.

Seavey and a team of nine dogs crossed the finish line in the Bering Sea town of Nome with a winning time of 9 days, 4 hours, 29 minutes and 26 seconds after an epic 1,000-mile trek from Anchorage.

Seavey said he felt exhausted just before reaching the trail's end.

"It's just now hitting me. About 4 miles ago, I just crashed," he said in the finish chute.

Seavey defeated his father, 2004 Iditarod champion Mitch Seavey, who was in seventh place as of Tuesday afternoon.

Dallas Seavey's 74-year-old grandfather, Dan Seavey, a veteran of the first Iditarod in 1973, also competed this year and was in 53rd place when his grandson crossed the Nome finish line.

The winner of the Iditarod race in 1977, Rick Swenson, had long held the record as the youngest champion. He was 26.

Dallas Seavey rides across the finish line in the Iditarod dog race.
MCT

AP FILE PHOTO

Malawi vs. Madonna

Malawi's government on Tuesday accused **Madonna** of not consulting over her plans to build 10 new schools in the poor southern African state and said the singer seemed more interested in promoting her global image than helping with education there.

Tragedy in Switzerland

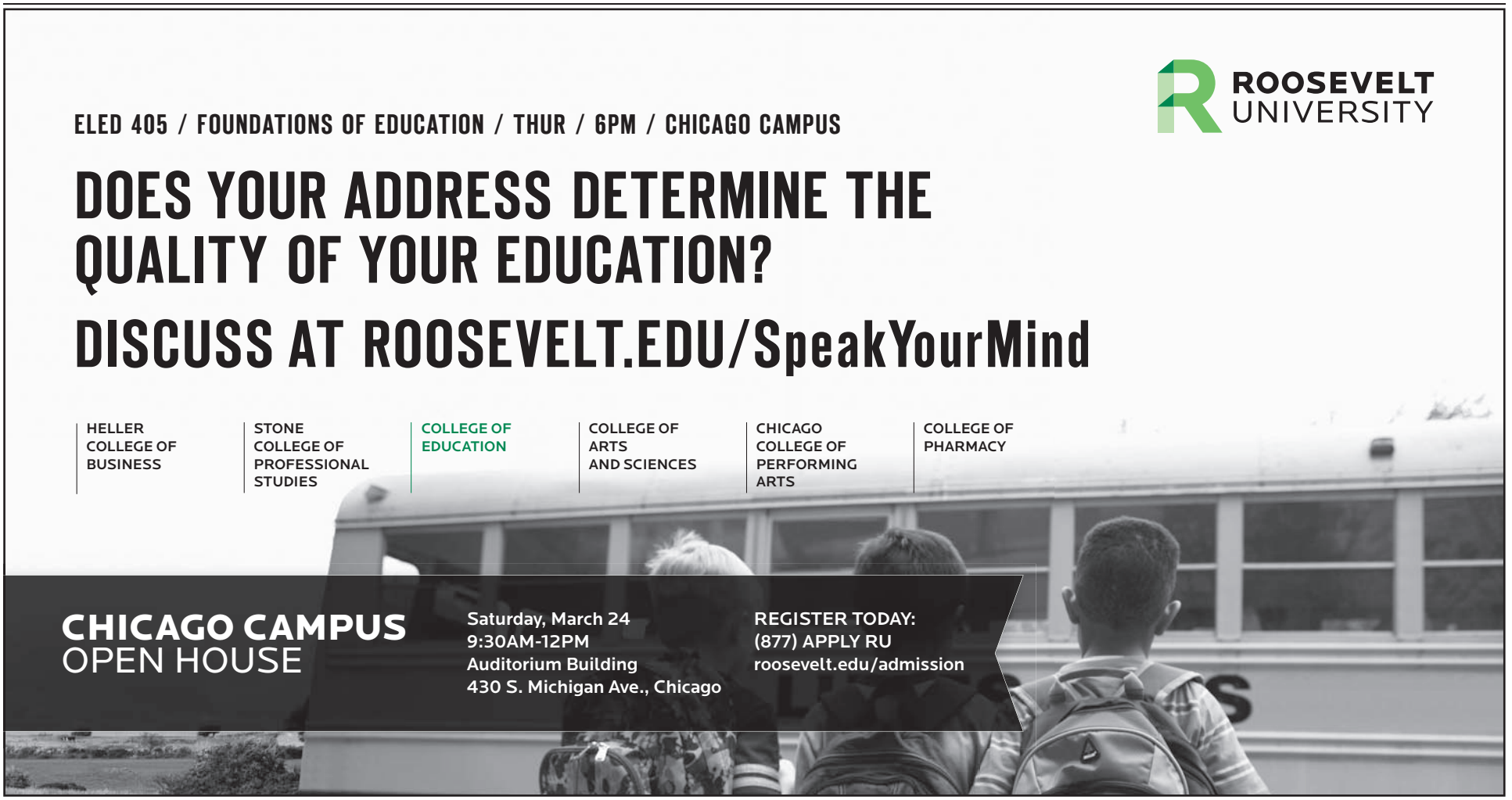
Distraught parents flew to Switzerland on Wednesday after a bus carrying a Belgian school group home from a ski trip crashed into the wall of a Swiss tunnel, killing 22 children and six others.

Reports: Coastlines at risk

Rising sea levels combined with storm surges will put more than 5 million people on U.S. coastlines at risk of flooding during the next 30 years, according to a report released Wednesday by Climate Central, a nonprofit research and journalism organization based in New Jersey.

Webcam trial goes to jury

A jury in New Brunswick, N.J. on Wednesday began deciding whether Dharun Ravi committed a hate crime when he used a webcam to spy on his college roommate kissing another man. Tyler Clementi committed suicide days later.



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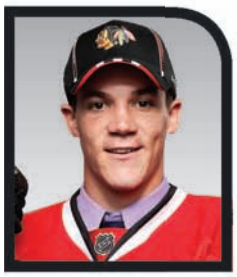

Andrew Shaw

Blackhawks
@shawz15er

Your Cinderella team: Texas

Your first-round upset: Davidson over Louisville

Your overrated team: Duke

Your Final Four prediction: Syracuse, Kansas, New Mexico, Kentucky

Your tourney quote: It's do or die, boys.

Your title game pick: Kentucky over Kansas

Darren Haydar

Wolves
@dhaydar20

Your Cinderella team: Vanderbilt

Your first-round upset: Texas over Cincinnati

Your overrated team: Georgetown

Your Final Four prediction: Kentucky, Michigan State, Ohio State, North Carolina

Your tourney quote: I really like the Wildcats this year, and not the University of New Hampshire Wildcats (my alma mater) either!

Your title game pick: Kentucky over North Carolina

Dan Gargan

Fire
@realdangargan

Your Cinderella team: Montana

Your first-round upset: VCU over Wichita State—the ol' 5-12 game.

Your overrated team: Vandy

Your Final Four prediction: The Hoyas ... and Kentucky, Michigan State and Ohio State

Your tourney quote: Who doesn't want to go to New Orleans? Be wary of the backdoor getting there.

Your title game pick: Kentucky over Georgetown

Sarah Kustok

Comcast SportsNet
csnchicago.com

Your Cinderella team: North Carolina State

Your first-round upset: Long Beach State over New Mexico

Your overrated team: Syracuse

Your Final Four prediction: Kentucky, Michigan State, Ohio State, Kansas

Your tourney quote: At least we can count on the DePaul women to carry the state of Illinois.

Your title game pick: Kentucky over Kansas

Sarah Spain

ESPN 1000
@sarahspain

Your Cinderella team: Murray State

Your first-round upset: California over Temple

Your overrated team: Syracuse

Your Final Four prediction: Ohio State, North Carolina, Kentucky, Michigan State

Your tourney quote: I'm Sarah Spain, and I support this bracket.

Your title game pick: Kentucky over North Carolina

Tracy Swartz

RedEye reporter
@tracyswartz

Your Cinderella team: St. Bonaventure.

Your first-round upset: Florida State upsets my stomach.

Your overrated team: Syracuse. Fruit on the bottom.

Your Final Four prediction: Not keeping this private: Baylor, Ohio State, North Carolina, Marquette.

Your tourney quote: Florida is in seventh heaven (though Jessica Biel has a prior engagement).

Your title game pick: Baylor rides the RG3 wave over OSU.

Elliott Serrano

RedEye blogger
@geektome

Your Cinderella team: The X-Men of Xavier

Your first-round upset: Harvard over Vanderbilt

Your overrated team: Indiana

Your Final Four prediction: Connecticut, Michigan State, Ohio State, North Carolina

Your tourney quote: "This is madness! THIS IS SPARTA!"

Your title game pick: Michigan State over North Carolina

THE STARTING LINE

» Cubs (SS) vs. Arizona, 3:05 p.m.

» Cubs (SS) at Colorado, 3:10 p.m.

» White Sox at Cleveland, 3:05 p.m.

'EXPERT' ADVICE? NCAA TOURNEY PICKS FROM CHICAGO'S HOTTEST PERSONALITIES

RedEye

There's no escaping March Madness.

Thursday's real launch of the NCAA Tournament—who really counts those play-in games, anyway?—will send hard-core and casual fans alike into hysterics as four TV channels bombard the senses with buzzer beaters, Cinderellas and blowouts all day long.

Chances are, most people's brackets will be busted by noon, but that's all part of the fun.

RedEye asked some local sports stars, media personalities and our very own staffers to make a few predictions about the tournament and share them with our readers. For fun, of course. Wager based on these picks at your own risk.

Christine Pawlak

RedEye contributor

@electrachicago

Your Cinderella team: Creighton

Your first-round upset: Harvard over Vanderbilt—go Ivy League!

Your overrated team: Syracuse

Your Final Four prediction: Kentucky, Marquette, Ohio State, North Carolina

Your tourney quote: No LinSanity, no Dwight Howard Trade Watch(TM), just actual basketball games! How novel!

Your title game pick: Kentucky over North Carolina

Marc Silverman

ESPN 1000

@waddleandsilvy

Your Cinderella team: Belmont

Your first-round upset: UNC-Asheville—yes, a 16 beats a 1!

Your overrated team: Georgetown

Your Final Four prediction: Kentucky, Michigan State, Florida State and North Carolina

Your tourney quote: Congrats Kentucky. At least until you have to vacate the title.

Your title game pick: Kentucky over North Carolina

Bag Boy

RedEye sports masochist

redeyesports @tribune.com

Your Cinderella team: VCU

Your first-round upset: Montana over Wisconsin

Your overrated team: Syracuse

Your Final Four prediction: Kentucky, Michigan State, Florida State, Kansas

Your tourney quote: They have a Loyola in Maryland, too? What's that make, six?

Your title game pick: Michigan State over Florida State

Whizzer

Our prognosticating pooch

@redeyewhizzer

Your Cinderella team: Wichita State, of course.

Your first-round upset: Harvard over Vanderbilt

Your overrated team: Gonzaga, always and forever.

Your Final Four prediction: Kentucky, Louisville, Syracuse, Kansas

Your tourney quote: March Madness, when gambling is A-OK with everybody.

Your title game pick: Kentucky over Kansas

Ben Johnson

iO writer/performer

@crotchfat

Your Cinderella team: Florida State. Technically a huge major conference school, but in Tallahassee basketball is a "Cinderella sport."

Your first-round upset: Stomach. Pizza Bites are looking good this year.

Your overrated team: Georgetown. Which means they'll make it to the Elite 8.

Your Final Four prediction: That weird guy in the office will win the pool.

Your tourney quote: "Hold on to your hat! [or something else equally stupid]"—Juliarna Margulies, 7,000 promos for "The Good Wife"

Your title game pick: Tom Izzo's exploding jugular over Jim Boeheim's crossed arms.

» Bears sign free agent wide receiver, special teams player, returner Eric Weems and quarterback Josh McCown

Real fans wear green on St. Pat's

Alex Quigley
» redeyesports @tribune.com

Tom Skilling, our regional god of weather, says we'll have a record high temperature this Saturday—78 degrees on St. Patrick's Day in Chicago. Uh-oh.

Of this I am certain: The best words that'll describe the scene within 50 yards of any bar rhyme with "Schmidt" and "show." Inbound CTA and Metra trains will be jam-packed with DePaul undergrads and 39-year-olds from Elgin sharing a common goal: getting absolutely wasted in the name of the Emerald Isle's patron saint. Or the patron saint of Patron. The streets will look like a DVD-extra scene of "The Walking Dead," with 95 percent less biting and 25 percent more staggering.

Most will be clad in green. Some will have shamrocks on their boobs. Others, their butts. Scan carefully through the horde, brave reader, and you'll find a special breed: the Irish-themed sports jersey-wearer. These men and women deserve recognition—nay, our respect.

Let's think about Green Jersey Fan's commitment to their team: even if it's a shirtsey, GJF plunked down $20 to $25 on an article of clothing they can wear twice a year—tops. (Looking at you, South Siders. Halfway to St. Patrick's Day, baby!) If it's an authentic jersey, GJF just spent upward of 200 bucks. That's like budgeting $60,000 a year on clothing, if extrapolating that rate made any sense at all. Hard-core.

Do you love the Blackhawks that much? Are you willing to take your green Lance Briggs jersey into spilled beer and Jameson puke territory? HE DROPPED THREE BILLS ON THAT GREEN STARLIN CASTRO, SON. He is a better fan than you and I—and certainly isn't insane.

Derrick Rose is wearing a green version of his Adidas kicks along with a green No. 1 jersey for Saturday's game against the Sixers. Sure, he's getting paid a quarter-billion dollars to do it, but if it's good enough for the MVP, it's good enough for us.

I especially look forward to this summer, when GJF spends $1,249 on an authentic Paul Konerko "Grand Finale" jersey. To celebrate the Fourth of July, 48 high-altitude shells are woven into the seams.

Erin go bleargh.

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1 How would you describe this week in sports?	Springtime Madnessanitymania.	The best of the year. Or more descriptively: "AHHHHH!!!"	As spectacular as steak tacos at the Local Option ...	Why? Is there something else going on besides hockey?	The opposite of that part in a romantic comedy where "things couldn't get much worse" and then it rains.
2 What's a typical Day 1 of the NCAA Tournament like for you?	Smooth sailing ... because my Mizzou Tigers won't be fraying my nerves until Friday.	Very productive at the office, I promise. I was, uh, merely checking the scores.	A love affair with Bryant Gumbel.	Oh. Uh. Well, this is awkward.	Wake at dawn, eat grapefruit, then two hours of meditation. Later, I drink 16 beers and eat a pound of raw beef.
3 What's your excuse to take off work Thursday to watch the NCAA tourney?	Clearly SOMEONE has to drive Derrick Rose and Jonathan Toews from bar to bar.	"I've suffered a total eclipse of the heart. It's not safe for me to go in the sun."	It's my job to watch it ... a beautiful thing.	"I'm going home to watch the NCAA tourney." Then do everything else but that.	I'm celebrating Thanksgiving. My way.
4 What annual NCAA tourney occurrence are you looking forward to?	Dick Vitale resting his vocal cords.	Easy. Everything. Except Dickie V.	Watching the DePaul women dance for the 10th straight year.	The one where I don't watch it at all.	I love when overworked studio analysts get that "help me" glaze in their eyes while laughing at their own banter.
5 What will it be like watching a real No. 1 receiver for the Bears next season?	Now all those dropped passes will be REALLY impressive.	Kinda like watching most other teams normally. Nice of us to come around.	I'd first like to watch the No. 1 quarterback stay healthy all season.	I'll expect him to get hurt in preseason. I've been watching the Bears too long.	I heard they're converting Brandon Marshall to guard because he's also the best blocker on the team.

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Iona and guard Scott Machado played a thriller against BYU on Tuesday in one of the opening games of the NCAA Tournament. US PRESSWIRE

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Ah, the NCAA Tournament. The brackets. The office pools. And you really wishing you had the day off.

This round: You COULD call in sick and revel in March Madness, but SHOULD you?

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I'll give you one. One day to call in sports-sick to your boss. And I don't want to hear you wasted it nursing a hangover the day after the Super Bowl, a mere four hours of entertainment at best on a day you *already* had off work. Or during the World Series—unless it's Game 7 at Wrigley Field. Use it on one of the first two days of the NCAA Tournament, an all-day, all-night affair that puts every other sporting post-season to shame. If your boss calls your bluff, just explain that you'd get a doctor's note—but the doctor's out too.

Don't give in to the temptation to call in "sick" to watch March Madness. Not when there's a better way. You're not fooling anyone with that lame cough, so use this as a bonding opportunity instead. Treat your supervisor to a long lunch that day—when his or her alma mater just happens to be playing. And if you are the boss, what better way to score points with employees than a midday "meeting" at a sports bar? That way no one gets a guilty conscience, and finishing the work later feels like less of a bummer. Everybody wins!

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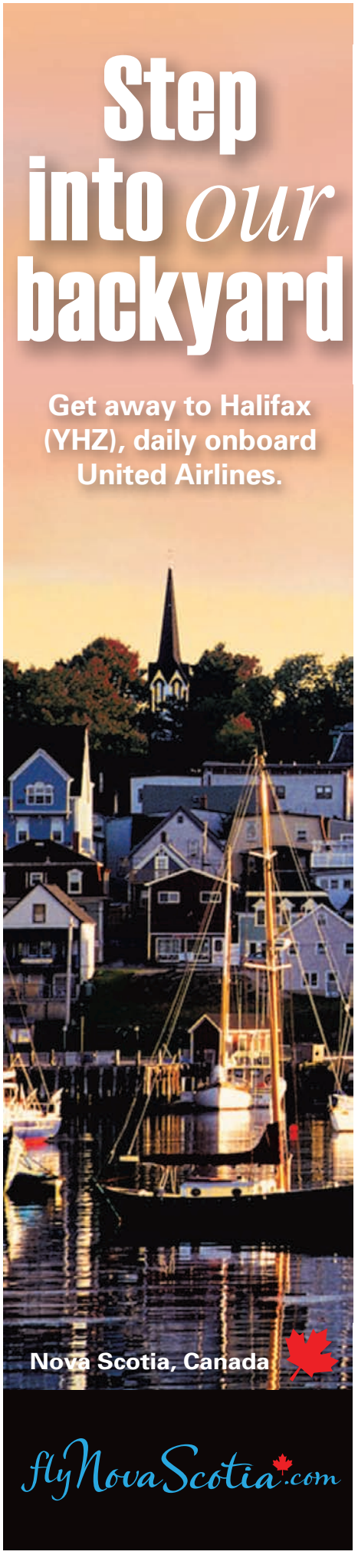

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Charles Barkley casually insults someone	Someone holds up an "(insert name here)-sanity!" sign	A coach takes off his jacket	Opposing mascots start a fight	Flashback to Christian Laettner's shot to beat Kentucky
A player thanks God in a post-game interview	A coach says, "They're a really great team."	FREE SPACE	A No. 12 seed upsets a No. 5 seed	Shot of fans with letters painted on their chests
Flashback to Michael Jordan's shot to beat Georgetown	Someone says, "As good a player as he is, he's an even better person."	An announcer says "Stay tuned for your late local news."	Shot of a male cheerleader holding up a female cheerleader	Jim Nantz half-heartedly reads a promo for "The Good Wife"
Clark Kellogg says "spurtability"	CBS shows Tiger Woods making a putt to promote the Masters	Shot of Ashley Judd at a Kentucky game	Pat Knight has a temper tantrum	A color analyst says, "He can score the basketball."

Still dancin'

Vermont and South Florida are into the second round of the NCAA Tournament after their wins Wednesday night. The Catamounts of Vermont will face North Carolina while USF advances to face Temple.

More Dwight drama

It appears Dwight Howard will be traded Thursday. After the Orlando center waffled on whether to eliminate the early termination option in his existing contract, Howard told team officials he will keep the option intact, the Magic's chief spokesman said.

Rose celebrates the shamrock

Bulls guard Derrick Rose is celebrating St. Patrick's Day with a special green version of his signature shoe that he will wear Saturday against the Philadelphia 76ers. The shoe will be available in stores Thursday.

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Glory days?

Channing Tatum (left) and Jonah Hill at Trump Tower
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Channing Tatum, Jonah Hill go back to high school in '21 Jump Street'

By Matt Pais | REDEYE

"I'm too old for this [bleep]," Jonah Hill says.

"Welcome to Earth, mother[bleep]er!" Channing Tatum says.

The "21 Jump Street" stars aren't being aggressive; they're just spouting classic action catchphrases (from "Lethal Weapon" and "Independence Day," respectively). In their new action-comedy opening Friday and loosely inspired by the '80s Johnny Depp TV show, Hill coins a new one: "Let's make a baby."

Hill, who co-conceived the story with "Project X" writer Michael Bacall as " 'Bad Boys' meets a John Hughes movie," stars as Schmidt, a young cop who teams with his partner, Jenko (Tatum), to infiltrate a high school and stop a drug operation. The mission forces them to re-examine their high school years and their current sense of self. Schmidt, an outcast in high school, becomes part of the social elite, and Jenko, who used to pick on Schmidt in high school but now poses as his brother, falls in with the science geeks.

In police attire at the Trump Tower, the recently Oscar-nominated Hill ("Moneyball"), 28, and Tatum, 31, talked about fingering each other's mouths, how high school has changed and what Tatum, soon to be seen in "Magic Mike," based on his experiences working as a stripper, would teach Hill about stripping.

During a drug-induced freakout in the movie, Channing jumps through a gong. How many times did you have to do that, and how did it feel?

Channing Tatum: Just one time actually. That whole take was one time that was late.

Jonah Hill: It was so funny.

CT: We only had time for one take. They were just like, "Go as

Jonah Hill and Channing Tatum in '21 Jump Street'

crazy as you want for as long as you want, and as soon as you get tired, fall down." And I was like, "OK."
JH: It was the first day that I wasn't there as a producer 'cause I was sick, and I had promised Chan I would make sure to be there all the time for him and make sure he was doing good. And they showed me the playback of the stuff I missed and I saw that and I was like, "Oh, they're fine without me."

Jonah, I read that you taught Chan about comedy and Chan taught you about action. Tell me how you advised each other.
CT: I won't mince words about it. He called me up—he's been on the movie and it's been in development for about five years, and I haven't really done comedies. And I had to make him promise me that he was going to make me funny.
JH: Or he'd hurt me.
CT: Or I was going to physically hurt him. That is not a joke.
JH: He's great. He walks away with the movie in my opinion. He's an impressive guy. He didn't have to do this movie. ... It's something he did to try something different, and that's admirable out of any artist to get that.

How did filming a scene of the guys fingering each other's mouths strengthen your bond?
JH: I love on the heels of that sentence, we try to be like sincere and [then], "How did it feel fingering each other's mouths?"

You knew it would go there eventually.
JH: I've been doing "Moneyball" press for so long I forgot what it's like to do press for a comedy. 'Cause "Moneyball" press was so sincere ... and then you say something nice about your friend and then it's just—

Well, when you and Brad fingered each other's mouths in "Moneyball" it was more dramatic.
JH: That scene was cut unfortunately.
CT: It's on the DVD extras. ... I can honestly say he's the first man that's ever had his fingers in my mouth, so it's a first for me. So I lost my mouth virginity to you.
JH: I wish I could say the same. It's a seven-time-a-week thing. Different men shoving their hands in my mouth.
CT: It's an addiction? You gotta go to a group about it?
JH: That was one of the first jokes we came up with. Our first set-pieces we came up with when Mike Bacall and I— when we were writing the story—it was like, they should take drugs and have to throw up the drugs but they just have a really hard time being able to throw up. And there's something funny about trying to make your friend throw up.

MORE ONLINE
Watch a video of Channing Tatum impersonating Brad Pitt at **redeyechicago.com**.

How many drinks did you have first? I'm thinking of the pre-threesome cocktails Denise Richards and Neve Campbell needed for "Wild Things."
CT: No. We just washed our hands a lot. I made sure.
JH: Yeah, they had mouthwash for our hands. Sanitizer.

The movie suggests it's a nicer world now and high school is more tolerant, easier. Do you feel like if you were born five years later it would have been easier?
JH: Honestly what's crazy is this whole bullying thing. Not easier for us—I'm just commenting on change or whatever. I remember Columbine happened after I was in high school. ... That was the first time you had heard of anything crazy happening as a result [of bullying]. Since then it's been really sensitive about kids making fun of each other or hurting each other's feelings. When we were in high school that really wasn't around. They only cared about drugs.
CT: I'm sure bullying happened. I don't know, I wasn't in a high school with the typically movie cliche cliques and people. Everybody just sort of hung out. The quote-unquote nerds and smart kids and whatever, they hung out with us. It wasn't these cookie-cutter clean stereotypes.

Chan, if you were teaching Jonah about stripping, what's the first thing you would teach him?
CT: Not to do it. Don't get naked for money.
JH: I don't need any tips.
CT: Yeah, he's got it on lock.

You already know?
JH: The only tip you need to know is just the tip.
CT: Very true. First thing you learn. Stripper 101.
JH: [Laughs.] Stripper 101. MPAIS@TRIBUNE.COM | @MPAIS

Ice Cube at Trump Tower
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5 QUESTIONS FOR
ICE CUBE

By Matt Pais | REDEYE
To play a police captain in the big-screen update of the '80s TV series "21 Jump Street," Ice Cube did not consider remaking NWA's "[Bleep] Tha Police" into "Love Tha Police." He does bite ferociously into the role of Captain Dickson, which allows him to wink at the movie stereotype of the angry black police captain as he yells at his young cops (Channing Tatum, Jonah Hill) to "Teenage the [bleep] up" and infiltrate a high school. We talked to the 42-year-old actor/rapper at Trump Tower.

To what extent do you think people find this police captain especially funny because it's you?
I think people get a kick out of that. I think Hollywood has been conspiring for 20 years to make sure me and Ice-T—who rapped "Cop Killer" and appeared on "Law and Order: Special Victims Unit"—play a cop. So you got us! You got us!

How much did you stay in character and boss around Jonah and Chan when the cameras weren't rolling?
Not a lot, just a little, just a little. They was in awe when I first got there 'cause they had never worked with me before. And the first day was the day that I was yelling at 'em, telling 'em not to [bleep] no teachers, no students, no janitors. Don't [bleep] nobody. It all kind of played into it. I kind of kept it going for a little while. Them dudes is too cool, you gotta be cool with them. I didn't want to be the dick actor who's method, stays in character forever.

How much did "21 Jump Street" remind you of your own high school memories?
I got bused out to a school, and that school had everybody in there from people wanting to look like Dr. J and Magic Johnson to people trying to look like Boy George and [bleep]. It was like everything was at that school, so I was able to really see all these different high school freaks. In a lot of ways I was one because I was a B-Boy, and we would have Gazelles on and we would have Kangols and we would have belt buckles and people with no shoe strings on shoes, and people was looking at us like, "What the hell they doing?" Everybody else was trying to dress like Michael Jackson and Prince. So it reminded me a lot of high school and all the different flavors you come across.

When people talk about NWA, what memories jump to mind?
I guess what comes back to my mind is Eazy-E. 'Cause he's not here no more. NWA makes me think of him. And he was a little sadistic. He had a dark sense of humor, but he was smart as [bleep]. He was ahead of everybody around him as far as thinking of the next move, and he envisioned it before any of us.

What would the Ice Cube of NWA think of your family films such as "Are We There Yet?"
He'd probably like some of 'em and hate some of 'em. When I was in NWA, I used to watch family movies ... I loved "Home Alone." It was the [bleep].

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Taylor Kitsch in 'John Carter'

If you think this is too good to be true, let me assure you it's not.

Much like Disney's $250 million-plus support of "John Carter," a CGI-heavy spin on a 100-year-old, "Star Wars"-influencing character starring a TV hunk (Taylor Kitsch) and a director (Andrew Stanton of "Finding Nemo") specializing in animation, this is a giant, big-budget movie with a storied past. Therefore, it's guaranteed to be a major Hollywood blockbuster, and totally justifies the $395 million budget my investors/not at all drunken friends and I have calculated.

I know what you're thinking: Why should I take a chance on an unproven TV star and a director who has never before made a live-action feature? Why do we need to spend so much, when solid, successful action movies such as "Mission: Impossible—Ghost Protocol" can be made for less than $150 million?

That's what I was hoping you would ask. The answer: Families will see any family-friendly movie that's advertised enough (does not apply if Eddie Murphy's in it). And we're planning to spend $100 million on one Super Bowl commercial alone!

What's even better is that the story was originally titled "Magic Mike and the Fantastical Wizard Land" but, like "John Carter" being trimmed from "John Carter of Mars," we've simplified the title to "Magic Mike" to make sure people have no reason not to see it. Except, I guess, that "John Carter" doesn't sound like an outer-space adventure, and "Magic Mike" could just be about a magician.

What? "John Carter" made only $30 million last weekend in the U.S.? And "Magic Mike" is the name of the movie about Channing Tatum's experiences as a stripper? Hmm. Maybe this admittedly expensive, obscure project isn't such an airtight idea after all. Good thing it's sure to do mega-bucks in Sweden!

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- AMC Independent **Casa de Mi Padre** (R) 12:01 A.M.
- **Gone** (PG–13) 10:55 P.M.
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- **Friends With Kids** (R) ★ 12:40,3:20,6:00,8:40,11:20
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- **Casa de Mi Padre** (R) ★ (Closed caption) 12:05 A.M.

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The Hives

The Hives are back and ready to rock

But how's the rest of the early '00s garage-rock crew faring?

By Dana Moran | REDEYE

All hail The Hives! The Swedish garage-rockers announced this week that their fifth studio album, "Lex Hives," will be released in June. As a huge fan of the wave of early-'00s garage rock groups with a "The" attached to their names (The White Stripes, The Strokes, The Vines), I couldn't help but check out the first single, "Go Right Ahead."

The verdict: Eh. I wouldn't have necessarily known what the chorus was if it wasn't also the title of the song. The rest of frontman Howlin' Pelle Almquist's (yes, that's his full title, thanks) lyrics are similarly muddled, but one thing remains the same: the guitar work kicks butt.

Check out "Go Right Ahead" and videos from other "classic" '00s garage-rockers at **redeychicago.com**.

Hate To Say I Told You So
The Hives

Then: Snot-nosed Swedes rocked a black-and-white motif all over the colonies. How confident were The Hives? Their second album was titled "Your New Favorite Band"—and they kinda were.
Now: They're back, baby! After a five-year hiatus between full-length albums, the group announced "Lex Hives" will be released in the U.S. on June 5.

Last Nite *The Strokes*

Then: Are The Strokes the most successful "The" band of the '00s? Quite possibly. Albums "Is This It" and "Room on Fire" were massively, massively popular, and the ladies just couldn't get enough of the five NYC hotties.
Now: Great albums that still hold up? Check. All five members still in the band? Check. The Strokes' 2011 release, "Angles," was met with critical acclaim, and the band hit Lollapalooza in 2010. The downside: Lady Gaga was playing at the opposite end of Grant Park. Sorry, dudes.

Fell in Love with a Girl
The White Stripes

Then: Are they brother and sister? Husband and wife? Ex-lovers? Jack and Meg White kept us all guessing while rocking our butts off with black/red/white madness. (FYI, they were married, then divorced.)
Now: The Stripes officially retired in 2011, and while Meg has vanished into the background, Jack has gone on to great success with The Ranconteurs, The Dead Weather and as a solo act. He's set to release his first solo album, "Blunderbuss," in April.

Get Free
The Vines

Then: Americans and Europeans weren't the only ones taking the garage scene by storm. Aussie rockers The Vines made it big for a while, driven by their hit, "Get Free."
Now: Despite recently kicking out two of their members, The Vines are still going strong. They released "Future Primitive" in June and have another album set for 2012.

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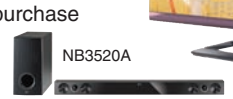

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CD REVIEWS

Bringing back the boy bands

By Glenn Gamboa
NEWSDAY

Up All Night
One Direction

It's been about a decade since the last boy-band pop craze fizzled out, so we're overdue for a new crop.

Cue One Direction. The quintet of 18- to 20-year-old guys brought together for the British version of "X Factor" in 2010 is prepped to lead the charge with its new single "What Makes You Beautiful" and its debut album, "Up All Night."

Like their boy-band contemporaries Americans Big Time Rush and the Irish sensations The Wanted, One Direction (or "1D," as they're known to the kids) make pleasant pop.

Their songs are upbeat, danceable and devoid of anything troubling, aside from the teenage hormones they tend to set a-ragin'. "What Makes You Beautiful" shows off the formula perfectly, as the guys trade off flirty but nonthreatening lines like "The way you flip your hair gets me overwhelmed, but when you smile at the ground it ain't hard to tell you don't know-oh-oh, you don't know you're beautiful." The music is super sweet and danceable, but cut slightly with a rock guitar riff here and there.

One Direction
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"One Thing" is even more direct, blending the best bits of Backstreet Boys' "I Want It That Way" with Kelly Clarkson's "Since U Been Gone." One Direction also handles ballads, with the N'Sync-y "More Than This" and The Script-like "Same Mistakes."

With Simon Cowell steering their ship, One Direction is focused, competent and (scream!) ready to dote on tween girls with the force of five Justin Biebers. No wonder the frenzy is building.

Sounds From Nowheresville
The Ting Tings

At least The Ting Tings don't play it safe. The British duo's new "Sounds From Nowheresville" tries on all sorts of genres, connecting at times, though never as strongly as "That's Not My Name." "Hang It Up" is a stunning, in-your-face homage to Debbie Harry, with Katie White delivering a brash rap and Jules de Martino offering some snarling guitar lines. "Soul Killing" is a weirdly defiant, reggae-tinged anthem. The Ting Tings do strike out, though, especially on the oddly sprawling "Day to Day" and the bizarre, '90s alt-rock of "Silence." They need to work on their batting average. GLENN GAMBOA, NEWSDAY

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Audiobooks go Hollywood

Los Angeles Times

When it came to reading a book out loud, Dustin Hoffman was a bit rusty. The last time he had done something similar was in New York City in the late 1960s, right after filming "The Graduate." A local radio station had recruited 30 or so people, including Hoffman, to read "War and Peace" on air, around the clock, until it was done.

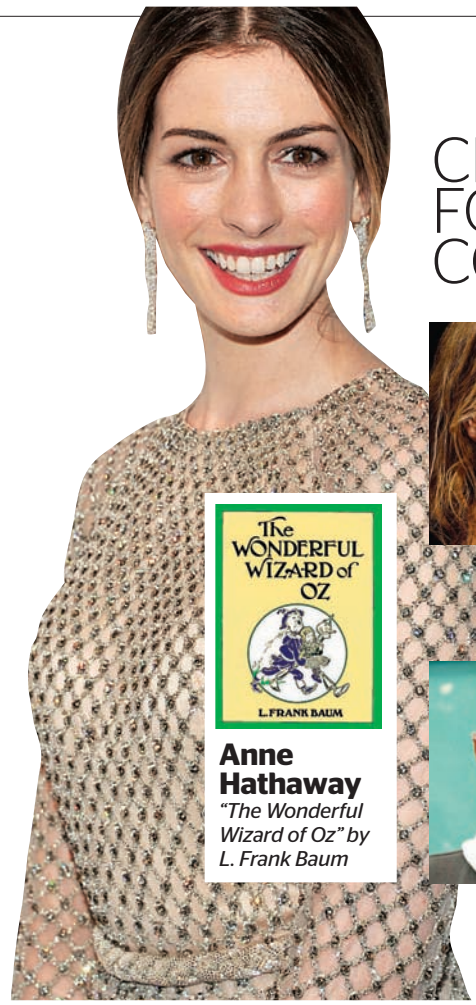
"That was the only other time I had done something like that, and it was wonderful," recalls Hoffman, explaining why he recently agreed to perform the novel "Being There" by Jerzy Kosinski, a Polish writer and an old, now-deceased friend, for **audible.com** as part of the audiobook company's new "A-List Collection," which launched Thursday.

Hoffman is part of an all-star cast of actors who have signed on with the 17-year-old Amazon-owned company to bring classic novels to life for a fast-growing population of audiobook fans worldwide.

The high-powered nature of the celebrities involved makes this one of **audible.com's** most high-profile projects. The actors usually choose a book from a list provided by the company.

Samuel L. Jackson's performance of the classic 1960s novel "A Rage in Harlem" runs nearly 5 1/2 hours—a midrange length (which explains why **audible.com** books are popular with people who spend a lot of time in the car). Jackson says he finished the 151-page book in two days.

"They were fascinated by the fact that I got through it so fast," says Jackson, who portrayed Himes in a play at Rutgers University years ago. "I was excited to get Chester Himes' work into the world so that people would know him as a writer and see how he described Harlem."



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Mexico a spring draw

What's "in" for spring break this year? Cancun, Mexico, remains the most-booked destination, but Miami moved from No. 7 to No. 3 this year (behind Punta Cana, Dominican Republic). Las Vegas held on to the No. 10 slot it hit last year, said Patrick Evans, Dallas-based spokesman for STA Travel. Cancun's affordable party packages help keep it on top despite State Department travel warnings about drug-related violence in Mexico, Evans said. Other Mexican resorts—Puerto Vallarta, Acapulco and Cabo San Lucas—also make the Top 10 list.
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Chris Wilson, director of exhibit management and maintenance, tests an exhibit at the new MythBusters exhibit at the Museum of Science and Industry. SCOTT STRAZZANTE/TRIBUNE PHOTOS

Discovery's popular 'MythBusters' hope to amuse with first museum exhibit based on the show

Chicago Tribune

When you talk to Adam Savage and Jamie Hyneman, it is reassuring to learn they are not sitting quietly around the workshop, contemplating their tax returns, say, or the presidential election.

Instead, Savage explains over the phone, "I'm in my car at a military base in California. We're doing the shootout from 'The Magnificent Seven' right now, knife vs. gun. This is our lunch break."

For those who don't follow "MythBusters," Discovery's long-running hit about putting conventional wisdom to the test, some explanation: The duo, the show's stars, are shooting an episode in which they'll determine whether a knife can really beat a gun in a shootout, part of an entire episode on showdowns.

A few thousand miles away, on the South Side, another kind of showdown is about to take place. A team at the Museum of Science and Industry has been trying to translate the borderline-dangerous "MythBusters" aesthetic—equal parts DIY, science in action and "Jackass"-for-more-responsible-people—into the first museum exhibition based on the show.

To unveil the results, Savage, Hyneman and other stars of the show will be at the museum Thursday for a ribbon cutting at 10:30 a.m. and to sign autographs from 11 a.m.-noon.

The big question to be answered when the exhibition starts letting people in Thursday: Will the years of effort translate into something that works for fans of the show and newbies alike? All available advance evidence suggests the answer is "yes."

"MythBusters: The Explosive Exhibition" certainly brings to mind the show's home environment. Key artifacts from the series' nine-season run decorate the first-floor temporary exhibition area at the museum that held, most recently, the Dr. Seuss show.

Big, hands-on experiments fill the space like playthings in the giant toybox of a future mechanical engineer. And the shelves here look just like the ones at M5 Industries, Hyneman's San Francisco special effects shop that is the show's home base, right down to the words scrawled in Sharpie on the ends of storage boxes.

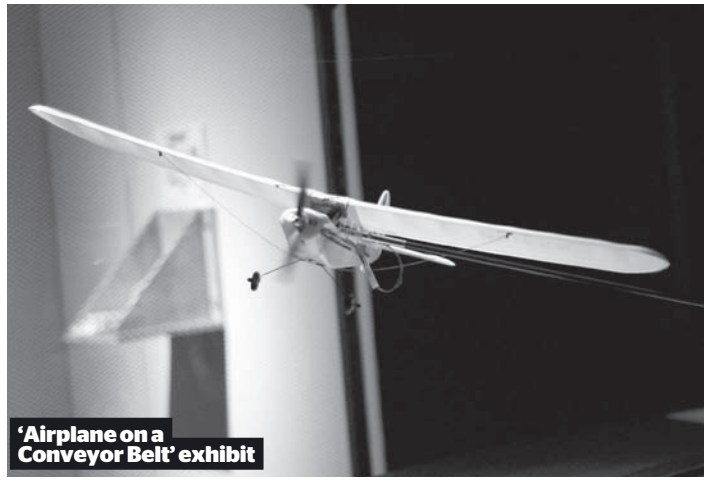
"All these are the same names you would see on the boxes at M5," said Geoffrey Curley, the "project lead," a Chicago museum exhibition designer who first pitched "MythBusters" on the idea of entering the museum world some five years ago.

A blending of popular culture and actual, hands-on scientific experimentation—science without the perceived sterility of lab coats and beakers—has huge appeal in the museum world; MSI has done well, for instance, with recent, art-heavy exhibitions about Seuss and Jim Henson, though the fit at a science museum was less than self-evident.

Savage and Hyneman have been expanding their 'Buster empire in several ways. When they're not shooting the ninth season of the TV show (which debuts at 8 p.m. March 25), they're following the trend for cable TV stars to do stage shows. Although the current "Behind the Myths" tour—which ends in early April and won't play Chicago this go-round—has kept them busy, the hosts said they've been intimately involved with the museum exhibition as well.

"We really worked hard with MSI to craft a show that was accessible on all levels and really smart and also funny and entertaining," Savage said. "If I have one complaint about a lot of science museum exhibitions, it's that they're often talking down."

'Killer Card Toss' exhibit



'Airplane on a Conveyor Belt' exhibit

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Missing
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Give me a series about a strong woman who kicks ass and my fat butt is glued to the couch. "Missing," sadly, may not keep it there.

The new ABC series stars Ashley Judd as Becca Winstone, who a decade ago became a single mom when her CIA-agent husband Paul (Sean Bean) was assassinated in Europe. Turns out Becca, too, was a spy, the kind that no man or woman wants to cross. When she jumps back into the world of international intrigue to find her kidnapped son, Michael (Nick Eversman), she makes heads spin among the current CIA spies and kills plenty of baddies who get in her way.

Becca's search for Michael requires that she dig up old, unresolved issues from her spying days. Not to give anything away, but the first two episodes are loaded with plot twists.

There's a bit of Jason Bourne in "Missing," not to mention nods to Liam Neeson's "Taken," in which he played a tough dad looking for his kidnapped daughter.

I'm a fan of "Taken" and a bigger fan of the Bourne films, so why does "Missing" leave me so cold?

It's not because those plot twists are too outlandish or filled with holes. I can forgive those faults in an action thriller, and especially one that moves as fast as "Missing" does. I can even forgive that it trots out spy tropes I've seen in other TV series and movies.

What I can't forgive is how seriously "Missing" takes itself. Created by Gregory Poirier, who wrote "National Treasure: Book of Secrets," "Missing" barely winks at the silliness it slings. OK, when Becca interrogates her son's French girlfriend, she scolds her for smoking in a very "mom" fashion. I chuckled at that.

But surely the writers could have a little more fun with the idea that this former super-spy has been a mom and flower shop owner for 10 years. Instead, they load up Judd's dialogue with umpteen variations of the "I'm a mother looking for her son!" line in the trailer. They're supposed to be touching, but they made me laugh.

And Judd, as much as I love her and believe that she could beat me to a pulp, brings absolutely no humor to her role. She's either crying over her son, killing to find her son or proclaiming how she will save her son.

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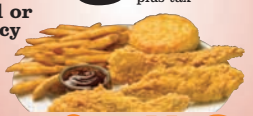

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Anyway, if this still sounds appealing to you, plan on attending an 8:30 p.m. Friday mixer at Social 25, 25 W. Hubbard St.

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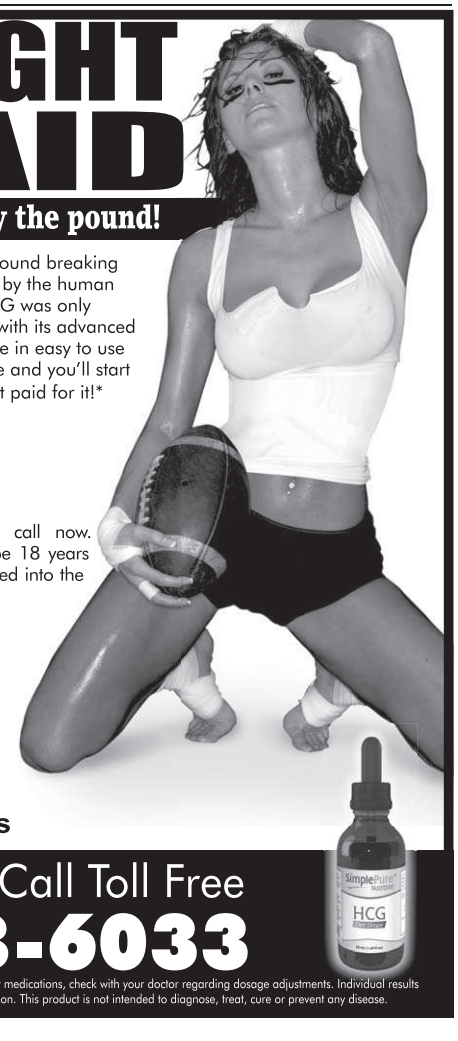

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Katrina Law hits mark on 'Spartacus: Vengeance'

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On a recent episode of "Spartacus: Vengeance," the rebel leader's companion and confidante, Mira, felled a former ally with an arrow before she could run off with the rebel's loot. Katrina Law's aim wasn't as accurate when she first trained to use a bow.

"I almost took out the entire stunt team when I was learning how to shoot the bow and arrow," she said, laughing. "I accidentally hit the concrete background and the arrow shot back 50 feet and everybody behind me had to dive out of the way.

"It ricocheted back. I'm like, 'Oh, sorry about that, guys. Stay alert! Stay alert!' "

The bow hasn't been the only weapon Law, who has played the freed slave Mira since the series' first season ("Spartacus: Blood and Sand"), has gotten to use in Season 2. Mira and other women are in the middle of the fight that former gladiator Spartacus and his rebels have taken to the Romans. She's wielded a sword against Romans, sliced open a prison guard with a knife and engaged in a bare-knuckled brawl. In this Friday's episode, she picks up an archery set again.

"It's so much fun," self-professed tomboy Law told me during a phone interview. "Being able to be part of the gladiator boot camp was amazing, and then having weapons training. It's a dream job."

And yes, her marksmanship with the bow and arrow even improved over the course of shooting the season, as does Mira's, which fans will see in upcoming episodes.

"I got much better. I remember one day on set the first [assistant director] bet me $5 that I couldn't actually shoot the camera or the cameraman," she said. (Ed. note: I assume they were stunt arrows and no one was hurt.) "I shot both of them but I never got my $5. I'm still bitter."

Katrina Law on 'Spartacus: Vengeance'

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Maybe it was the bottle of Bacardi you helped drain in college. Maybe it was years of ordering Captain and Cokes that did it. Or maybe it was the experimental fruit punch you mixed.

Whatever the cause, at some point you probably stopped drinking rum. And Paul McGee wants to change that.

McGee, best known in Chicago for his years spent shaking craft cocktails at Logan Square's The Whistler, is set to open an as-yet-unnamed River North tiki bar this summer, and if you aren't drinking rum now, you certainly will then. Tiki drinks are recognizable for their heavy use of the spirit distilled from sugar cane or sugar cane byproducts (such as molasses), as well as fresh juices, fruit garnishes, colorful glassware and maybe even a drink umbrella or two.

They may be dramatic, but these cocktails are not to be taken lightly.

"[Tiki cocktail pioneers] Trader Vic and Don the Beachcomber came about in the mid-to-late '30s and they were using fresh ingredients and really complex ingredients in their drinks as far as heavy doses of cinnamon and cloves and allspice," McGee said. "Things we thought 10 or 15 years ago were a culinary revolution in cocktails, these guys were doing that in the 1930s."

By the '50s, tiki bars had become a full-blown American fad.

The first step in making a solid tiki drink like the mai tai or zombie is the selection of rum—and the choices are seemingly endless.

"A light rum is going to be a little more neutral," said McGee, who explained that light rum is filtered through charcoal to remove much of the color and a bit of the flavor. "When you get into more aged rums ... these are going to be a little bit more for sipping, with more a molasses note to them. For [the classic rum drink] dark and stormy, you'd want something like this with more character and more flavor."

The Voyager

And then there's spiced rum—heavy with vanilla, allspice and cinnamon notes—which McGee likes to swap in for whiskey when he makes an old fashioned.

Still not ready to make the leap? Pull up a barstool and take this advice from Chicago-based rum writer and importer Ed Hamilton, who runs the website "The Ministry of Rum."

> "[Tiki cocktails] are difficult to make. It takes time to make good ones."
>
> —**Ed Hamilton**, a Chicago rum writer

A selection of rums at The Whistler

"Don't try this at home on your own, folks," Hamilton said. "I recommend finding a bartender or liquor store person who is knowledgeable."

When he's not hitting spots such as Painkiller (aka PKNY) in New York or Smuggler's Cove in San Francisco, Hamilton likes to drop by The Whistler, The Barrelhouse Flat or Sable Kitchen & Bar for rum cocktails, or Bottom Lounge for its extensive rum selection.

"[Tiki cocktails] are difficult to make. It takes time to make good ones," Hamilton said of the lack of bars in town keeping the drinks on their menu. "You can get a mai tai or some of these drinks at some of these other really crappy bars ... and that's why tiki isn't doing better. You have to use the right rums. Real syrups. And the bartenders have to be trained. It takes some dedication."

Free Rider

In addition to McGee's upcoming River North tiki haven, chef Graham Elliot plans to feature some cocktails "focused on Hawaii and a tiki-kinda theme" at his latest restaurant G.E.B., slated to open in May in the West Loop.

"Everyone's had the classic drinks and everyone's had speakeasy whatever," said Elliot, who lived in Hawaii for several years while growing up. "I think it's just great to branch off and to realize that it was such a cool time in the '50s, with people experimenting and doing these drinks as Hawaii was becoming a state."

The Whistler plans to continue the tiki tradition McGee started while he was at the bar. Co-owner Billy Helmkamp recently introduced a rotating tiki section to the menu with a new cocktail each week. The first drink featured was the Free Rider, a mix of Lemon Heart 151 rum, Benedictine, Fernet Branca, pineapple, lime juice and angostura bitters.

"All these really fantastic tiki bars started opening up [around the country] a couple years ago and I don't know what wave of tiki it is now ... maybe the fourth wave?" Helmkamp said.

"I think that rum is getting more popular due to the fact that people are starting to get these really great cocktails that are complex and well-balanced. You can bring a whiskey or vodka drinker over to rum with that."

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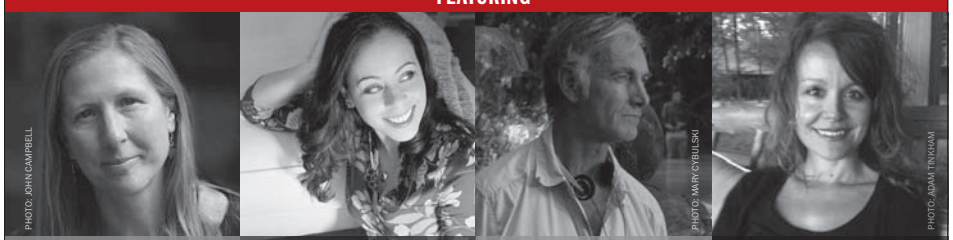

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St. Patrick's Day in Chicago. St. Patrick's Day in Chicago on a Saturday. St. Patrick's Day in Chicago on a Saturday when it's 70 degrees out.

Just take a moment to process this. If you haven't realized it yet, this year's revelry is on track to be the wildest in years.

That time you woke up at 7 a.m. to do Irish car bombs? When you ended up shotgunning beers and passing around a bottle of Jameson on a rooftop around 3 p.m.? Yeah, it's going to be worse.

It's going to be more crowded and drunk than ever, with (bonus?) less clothing! So in between making whiskey Jell-O shots (I suggest the orange flavoring) and sorting through every green item of clothing you have, try to keep a few rules in mind. I don't want to have to be the one stepping over your vomit on Saturday night.

Don't try to go out all day: Either plan on drinking early and heading home around dinnertime, or get some extra sleep by skipping the parade and river-dyeing in the morning and just hit the bars as you normally would on a Saturday night. Or take a hearty nap midday. Try to do it all and you're going to end up dehydrated and completely broke.

Pacing: Just because you're planning to hit the bars by 8 a.m. and be home by 5 p.m. doesn't mean you can act like this is some sort of "there-are-no-consequences" holiday. Do you know what a hangover at 9 p.m. feels like? You're about to if you don't drink some water in between those $9 beers. Dye that water green if you have to.

Stick to a game plan: The worst thing you can do is assume you'll find a great bar to just walk into downtown. They're going to be crowded and you're going to end up paying way more than you should for beer and a burger—if you can even get a table to order food. Plan ahead of time where you want to go and get there early if you plan on setting up shop for a couple of hours. And don't underestimate the option of heading to a neighborhood bar away from downtown after the parade. You can get a Guinness just about anywhere.

Eat: St. Pat's is pretty much a sport when it comes to drinking. TRAIN. Nothing like a big carb-filled dinner and pitchers full of water the night before if you're going to be heading out before 8 a.m. the next day. Plan on getting an early lunch to soak up the morning damage. Stashing a couple of bagels in your purse wouldn't be the worst idea in the world.

Go home: Whether you're starting to slur your words at noon or your feet are aching at 5 p.m., don't try to fight it. Just go home. Don't go for a nightcap. Don't hit that house party. Don't answer that text message from your friend wondering what you're up to. Go home, wipe the green glitter off your face and congratulate yourself on surviving.

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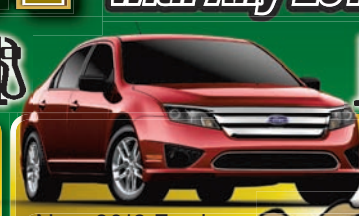

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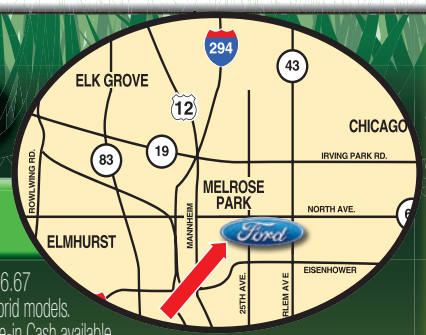

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Corned beef and cabbage and pints of green beer may be the unofficial St. Patrick's Day meal, but if you're craving something a little bit more offbeat, look no further than these five inventive Irish-inspired dishes. Just chew quickly: Like the elusive pot of gold at the end of the rainbow (and herds of sloshed partiers wearing green), these St. Pat's specials won't stick around long after Saturday.

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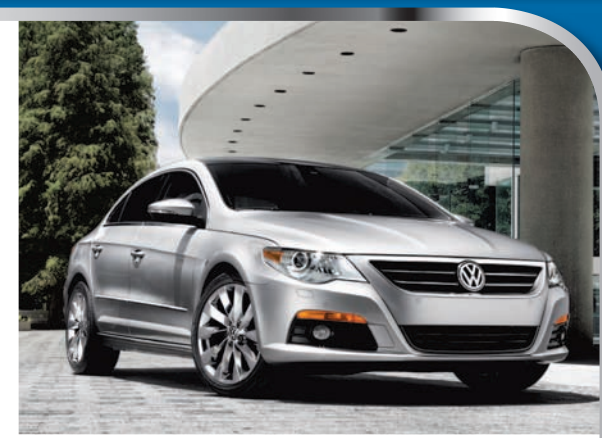

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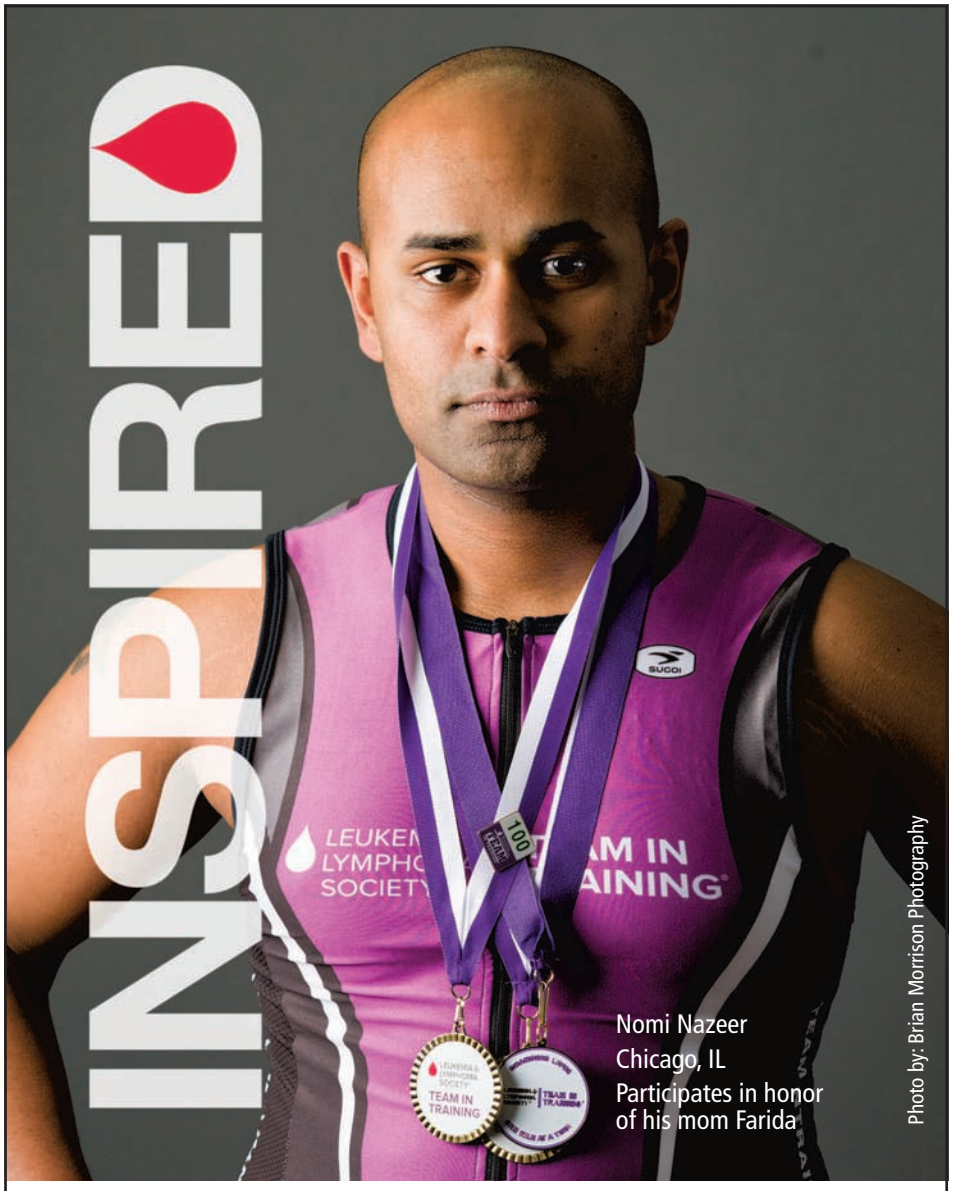

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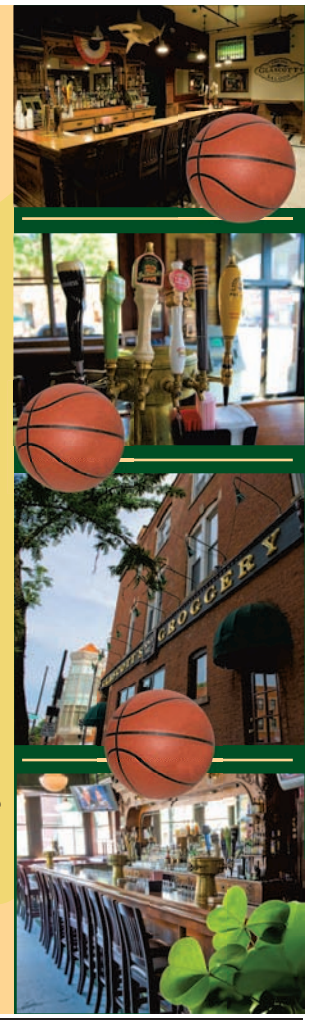

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Alicia Keys was a prime example of best looks spotted off runway during Paris Fashion Week.
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A classic, day or night

Los Angeles Times

Paris Fashion Week runways generated quite a bit of buzz this month, drawing editors, socialites, actresses and musicians for a taste of the lush garments on display. But the runway wasn't the only place generating style buzz. Some of the best looks were spotted off the runways, worn by spectators in the front rows and in the streets outside the shows. Songstress Alicia Keys was a prime example.

Keys appeared in the front rows at Chanel, Valentino, Yves Saint Laurent, Stella McCartney and Givenchy. For each show she played with textures and accessories, but kept a classic black-and-white color palette. Keys' most versatile look surfaced at the Givenchy show, where she wore a long tuxedo jacket by Givenchy, white blouse with hidden buttons, black cigarette-leg pants and strappy heels. She wore her tuxedo jacket over her shoulders like a cape and also had on a bold cross necklace.

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Mending kit (including safety pins)
A zippered pouch with sewing essentials can rescue a torn veil, your groom's loose buttons and myriad other clothing malfunctions. $10.50 at **rei.com**

Lint remover
A quick pass of Scotch's mini lint roller over a bridesmaid dress or groomsman suit will pick up any stray hairs and flecks. $2.49 at **cvs.com**

Breath freshener
You may never kiss as many people as you do on this day. $5.49 for a pack of two at **drugstore.com**

Stain remover
Someone, somewhere will spill something, and whoever has the Tide to Go instant stain remover will be the hero. $3.29 at **walgreens.com**

Facial tissues
Catch tears before they bring down your mascara. This site has lots of fun wedding-themed tissues. $1.65 at **platesandnapkins.com**

Deodorant wipes
You may never hug as many people as you do on this day, so smell fresh without fear of white residue. La Fresh has deodorant wipes, though its standard wipes (pictured) may also come in handy. $3.99 for pack of six at **lafreshgroup.com**

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WEDDING EMERGENCY KIT

Pack these small items and avert disaster on your big day

Chicago Tribune

No matter how meticulously you plan the flowers, the music and the seating chart, your wedding day has a way of throwing a curveball—such as when your college roommate, seized by a moment of OMG-I-can't-believe-you're-getting-married! enthusiasm, accidentally sloshes her red wine onto your wedding dress.

Wedding planner Mindy Weiss, who has orchestrated the weddings of celebrities such as Ellen DeGeneres, Gwen Stefani and Hilary Duff, has witnessed enough such mini-crises to bring a Tide stain-lifting stick to every job. Also helpful to have on hand, Weiss said: safety pins to reattach a bustle that has been torn at the seams while dancing.

Weiss, who sells a 24-item "SHEmergency Kit" ($30 at **shopmindyweiss.com**) to help brides handle common mishaps, suggested essential items to include in a wedding-day survival kit—and we added a few product suggestions.

OTHER ITEMS TO INCLUDE

- Earring backs
- Hair spray
- Emery board
- Pain reliever
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- Dental floss/toothpicks
- Static remover
- Clear hair elastics
- Drinking straws

AUSTIN street fashion

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Pinterest hot on the heels of Twitter, Facebook

Reuters

Christina Gomez has carefully displayed her dream cribs, rockers and mobiles on Pinterest, the increasingly popular online bulletin board. Never mind that she doesn't have a baby.

Silbermann

"Ah, Pinterest—where I dress my unborn children and decorate my imaginary mansion," the San Antonio political consultant said—on Twitter—when asked about the site.

Gomez is addicted. And she's not alone. The social site where users can "pin" images and follow others' collections has surged in recent months to become the 16th most-visited site in the U.S., according to Web information company Alexa. That's a higher rank than **cnn.com**.

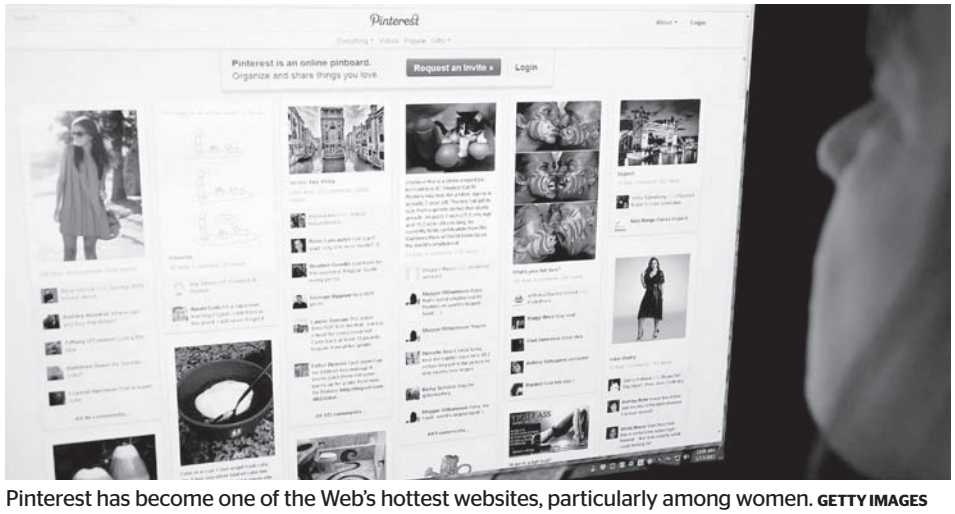
Pinterest CEO Ben Silbermann, who grew up in Iowa collecting bugs and stamps, said Tuesday that his goal is to help people discover things that they didn't know they wanted. He said there are plenty of people trying to tell you what you want via billboards, catalogs or Internet ads.

"But no one has really made a lot of progress toward building a place you want to go every day to discover things that feel like they were hand-picked just for you, and that's what I can hope we can do," Silbermann told a packed ballroom at the South by Southwest Interactive conference in Austin, Texas.

The self-deprecating Silbermann, who has rarely spoken publicly about the site he co-founded in fall 2009, described having "catastrophically small numbers" at first. Nine months in, there were fewer than 10,000 people on it, he said. He sought feedback from early users, giving some his cellphone number. And he didn't quit.

Silbermann, who spoke repeatedly of wanting his site to be beautiful and display beautiful collections, said one goal of his was to create a service that offered timelessness in an era when people were obsessed with real-time sites such as Twitter.

"If something is your favorite book, it's no less your favorite book 72 hours from now or a year from now or five years from now or 10 years from now," he said. "It still says something about who you were then and who you want other people to know you as."



Pinterest has become one of the Web's hottest websites, particularly among women. GETTY IMAGES

For Gomez, who lives in a 900-square-foot home in Texas and is about to move to smaller digs in Washington, D.C., Pinterest allows her to collect things—such as USB drives shaped like teddy bears—without taking up precious physical space.

The growth of Pinterest has been fueled primarily by women, including those planning their weddings, said Robert Quigley, who teaches new media and multimedia at the University of Texas. The draw is the site's simplicity, he said.

"The rise of Pinterest has been absolutely incredible—it just came out of nowhere," Quigley said. "It's so visual, it's easy to use and simple—yet complex enough to allow you to organize the way you want."

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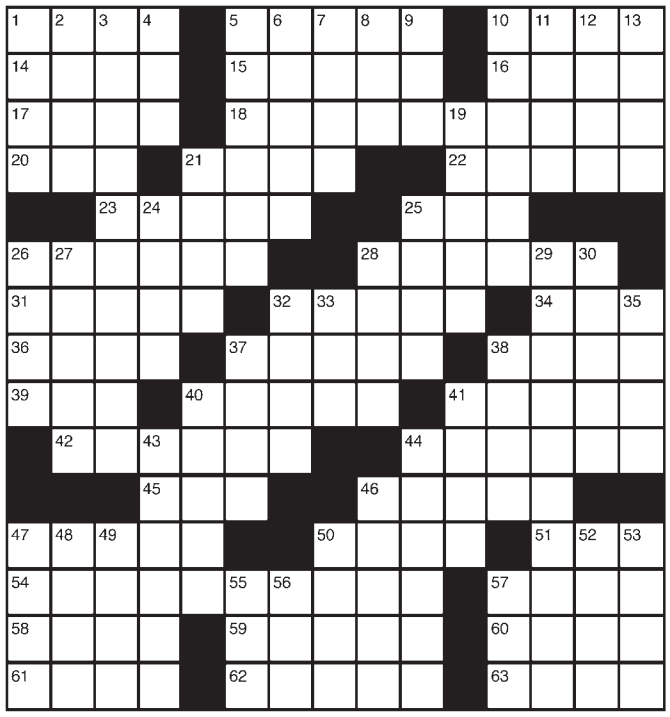

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1 All _; listening
5 Sworn statements
10 Messy person
14 Count calories
15 Rams & ewes
16 Walking stick
17 June 6, 1944
18 Stability
20 Positive reply
21 Study at the 11th hour
22 Beneath
23 Lubricated
25 Ending for lemon & lime
26 Beam of light
28 Hog's pen
31 Choo-choo
32 Slyness; deceit
34 "_ do you do?"
36 Recedes
37 Toe problems
38 Kon-_; raft of Thor Heyerdahl
39 Close friend
40 Steady hum
41 Marathons
42 Approached
44 Irritate
45 Uncooked
46 Sear at the edges
47 Neckwear
50 Dynasty known for porcelain
51 Nothing
54 Graveyards
57 Have a feast
58 Charitable gift
59 Ointment
60 Climb _; mount
61 Ink stain
62 Finished
63 Personalities

DOWN
1 Singer & actor Nelson _
2 Nurse's helper
3 Sensible
4 Pig's home
5 Large fish-eating hawk
6 _ of; before
7 Six years, for a U. S. senator
8 _ and haw
9 Mineral spring
10 Panoramas
11 Come to shore
12 A single time
13 Lager
19 Elbow
21 Extended family group
24 Fleur-de-lis
25 Feels sick
26 Ladder rung
27 Of the city
28 _ for; long to be with
29 Coagulating
30 Local _; town resident
32 "_ grief!"
33 "Ode on a Grecian _"
35 Shrewd
37 Rowing team
38 Orange-flavored drink
40 Uncomfortable breeze
41 Sounded, as a bell
43 Police bust
44 _ off; hosed down
46 Strainer
47 Strikebreaker
48 Jailbird's room
49 Bullets
50 Not at all spicy
52 Vanished _ thin air
53 Babies born in early August
55 Suffix for Japan or Nepal
56 Hightailed it
57 Fawn's mother

TODAY IN THE YEAR ...

44 B.C.: Roman dictator Julius Caesar was assassinated by a group of nobles that included Brutus and Cassius.

1999: Bruce Springsteen, Paul McCartney, Billy Joel and Dusty Springfield were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

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PARTY HOUSE

There's a new president and first lady headed to 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.—on TV, that is

By Dana Moran | REDEYE

Can't we just elect Bill Pullman as president already? The former movie prez was confirmed last month to be starring on NBC's "1600 Penn," a comedy about a wacky first family, and now Jenna Elfman will play his wife, **deadline.com** reports. While we're still unsure about this pairing, we definitely have some strong feelings about other fictional White House residents. See how we cast our votes.

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THE WEST WING

1 Martin Sheen & Stockard Channing

President Bartlet never took down an alien race, but he and Dr. Bartlet kicked butt in so many other ways. The nerdy, intellectual president and his brilliant, sassy wife had plenty of Americans wishing they were the *real* first couple during the George W. Bush administration.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

2 Bill Pullman & Mary McDonnell

His President Whitmore saved the planet from aliens while flying a fighter jet. Her Mrs. Whitmore (almost) survived a giant laser attack on L.A. How could this couple not be No. 1?! If Bill can just repeat this on "1600 Penn," he's golden.

MARS ATTACKS!

3 Jack Nicholson & Glenn Close

President and Mrs. Dale quickly learn what happens when you decide not to nuke aliens: They kill you with a robotic hand and put their own faces on Mount Rushmore. At least their daughter, Taffy (Natalie Portman), survived to fight another day.

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4 Dennis Haysbert & Penny Johnson Jerald

Skirting an assassination plot, avoiding nuclear war with the Middle East ... you know, just everyday, normal presidential stuff. Actually, since each season of the show took place in just one day, it kind of WAS everyday stuff for President Palmer and his wife, Sherry.

AIR FORCE ONE

5 Harrison Ford & Wendy Crewson

"Get off my plane!" That's almost all that needs to be said about this absurd presidential flick involving aircraft hijacking. Also, President Marshall and family manage to escape via a cable strung between two planes, and totally don't get blown away by ridiculous, ridiculous buffeting winds.

LOVE ACTUALLY

6 Billy Bob Thornton

We can only assume this scalawag had a wife lurking somewhere. Billy Bob's unnamed prez seemed like a cross between Presidents George W. Bush and Bill Clinton, trying to screw over Britain while also trying to screw the prime minister's aide. Don't worry, he gets what he deserves.

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That's how many prime-time shows CBS has renewed for another season, the network announced Wednesday. The list includes "The Big Bang Theory," "How I Met Your Mother" and Chicago-set shows "Mike and Molly" and "The Good Wife."

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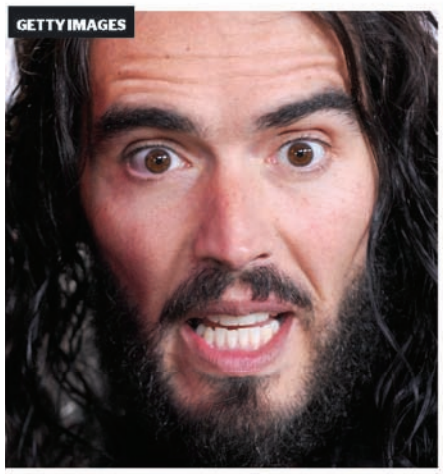

"What I did was a tribute to [Steve Jobs'] memory."

—**Russell Brand**, in a tweet, apparently addressing a report that he threw a photographer's iPhone through a window

Not the Idol

"American Idol" finalist Jermaine Jones will no longer be on the singing competition, Jones said in a tweet from his official "Idol" Twitter account (the tweet was later deleted). Jones reportedly was disqualified because he concealed multiple outstanding police warrants from producers.

Drake
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LADIES' MAN

GQ put Drake on the cover of its April issue—and almost got *under* the covers with the "Take Care" rapper. Resisting Drake's direct advances—"Are you or are you not sleeping with me," he playfully asks the reporter at one point—GQ's article describes his mansion as if it's straight out of a late-night Cinemax movie. Here are a handful of things the mag spotted at Drake's place.

A two-story water slide

Outdoor fireplace

White wine spritzers

Bronze animals on the lawn

A flat-screen TV playing 'Sixteen Candles'

Out of 'Luck'

That's a wrap. HBO announced it has ceased production of the horse racing series "Luck" after a third horse was euthanized due to an injury on set. And in other troubling equine news, a contestant was kicked off the History channel's "Full Metal Jousting" after punching a horse in the face.

Mommy dearest

Looks like the actress who won an Oscar for "Monster" has her own little monster in tow. Charlize Theron has adopted a baby boy named Jackson, according to a statement released Wednesday by her rep. Theron was most recently seen onscreen in "Young Adult" and also plays the oh-so-evil Queen Ravenna in "Snow White & the Huntsman," due out in June.

Charlize Theron
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